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

FROM: Pamela Joehler, Senior Fiscal Analyst

RE: Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget Subcommittee Update

The Education and Local Government Committee decided at its November 2, 2001 meeting to form the Postsecondary Education Policy and Budget Subcommittee for the purpose of meeting its statutory requirements to act as a liaison between both the legislative and executive branches and the Board of Regents.

The subcommittee's primary task this interim, as directed by the Education and Local Government Committee, is to identify ways to improve the relationship between the legislature and the Board of Regents.

Digressing from previous interims, the composition of the subcommittee this interim is four legislators (two from each house and each party), two Board of Regents members, and one executive branch representative. Education and Local Government Committee members appointed to the subcommittee include:

-  Representative Gary Branae (D)
-  Representative Art Peterson (R)
-  Senator Ed Butcher (R)
-  Senator Don Ryan (D)

Board of Regents and executive branch members have not yet been appointed at the time of this writing.

The organizational meeting of this subcommittee will take place on Thursday, January 10, 2002 in Helena.